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APPLICATION OF SOUTHWESTERN § BEFORE THE STATE OFFICE ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY FOR § OF AUTHORITY TO CHANGE RATES § ADMINISTRATIVE HEARINGS

SOUTHWESTERN ELECTRIC POWER COMPANY'S STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 4 OF PROTECTIVE ORDER

Certain documents provided in response to Cities Advocating Reasonable Deregulation's (CARD) First Request for Information to Southwestern Electric Power Company (SWEPCO), Question Nos. 1-2, 1-8, 1-9 and 1-10 are exempt from public disclosure pursuant to Sections 552.101 and 552.110 of the Public Information Act¹ and are subject to treatment as Confidential and/or Highly Sensitive materials.

The materials provided in response to CARD's Question Nos. 1-2, 1-8, and 1-10 contain non-public, commercially sensitive ownership, construction, and operating agreements, power sale agreement information, as well as contract terms and information that reflect certain plant-related design, specifications, and location information that constitutes confidential critical infrastructure, that if released, would provide an advantage to a competitor or bidder and could cause substantial competitive harm to SWEPCO.

The materials provided in response to CARD's Question No. 1-9 contain non-public commercially sensitive purchased power invoices for non-fuel or capacity charges that if released, would provide an advantage to a competitor or bidder and could cause substantial competitive harm to SWEPCO.

Counsel for SWEPCO has reviewed the documents sufficiently to state in good faith that the documents are exempt from disclosure under the Public Information Act and merit the Highly Sensitive and Confidential designations given to them.

¹ Tex. Gov. Code Ann. § 552.001-.353.

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I certify that, unless otherwise ordered by the presiding officer, notice of the filing of this document was provided to all parties of record via electronic mail on December 3, 2020, in accordance with the Second Order Suspending Rules issued in Project No. 50664 and Order No. 1 in this matter.

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